YOKOHAMA, March 19.-It is officially announced that Prince Komatsu has been ordered to the front as commander-in-chief of the expeditionary army, which it is intended shall march on Pekin.

Russia and England Acting in Concert. London, March 1.9-A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that it is reported that all the Russian Mediterranean squadron has been ordered to the Pa cific to be in readiness to make a positive demonstration in concert with Great Britain in regard to the Japanese demands on China.

#### China Wants an Armistice.

BERLIN, March 1 .- Reliable information from Pekin is to the effect that Li Hung Chang is authorized by his government to pay and furnish provisions to the Japanese troops at the posts already occupied by the Japanese, if Japan will grant an armistice.

A Stunning Blow to the Chinese Army. Paris, March 19 .- A Shanghai dispatch states that the Japanese army at New-Chwang captured all the supplies of provisions, etc., which were intended to last the Chinese three months. They also hold all other ports from which supplies could arrive. Thus the Chinese troops in Manchuria will be compeled either to yield or to speedily retire in the direction of Pekin. It is reported in Shanghai that the British Mediterranean squadron is going to the east.

# An Alleged Secret Agreement with Bus-

LONDON, March 19 .- A dispatch to the Central News from Shanghai says: It is reported that China has a secret agreement with Russia whereby the latter is to intervene if Japan insists upon any territorial cession as the price of peace.

As China is relying on this, the result of the peace negotiations is doubtful. Europeans connected with the Chinese army and navy at Wei-Hai-Wei have arrived at Tien-Tsin and have been paid off and discharged.

None But France May Object. WASHINGTON, March 19.- No significance is attached here to the report from St. Petersburg that the Russian Mediterranean squadron has been ordered to the Pacific to co-operate with the British fleet in regard to sapan's demand upon China. While no "under- for Maisi point. The steamer's standing" as the term is used, exists course was to the northeast. between Russia and Japan, it is well- The cruiser hoisted a flag, and known that Russia has no purpose of interfering with any arrangements an English flag. The cruiser which Japan may make with China as signalled the steamer to stop a condition of peace. Neither, it is but without effect. As the steamer said, is Great Britain likely to interfere unless Japan should demand a large slice of Chinese territory, which is not likely to be the case. The only foreign power to make a protest against the terms of peace is France, He asserts that the steamer was but which country, it is believed, will strongly object to the occupation by Japan of the Island of Formosa.

Some of France's colonial territory lies close to Formosa, and it has been known for months that France looks with disfavor upon this rich possession falling into the hands of a power nary military and political strength | March 8. as Japan has during her war with China. The Japanese authorities at Tokio, however, are represented as having no fear of foreign interference in any conclusiors reached between Japan and China.

Marshal Prince Komatsu, who, it is reported from Tokio, will be made commander-in-chief of the Japanese armies, will succeed Marshal Arisugwa, who died a few weeks ago.

# WILL SEEK AN ARMISTICE

And Then Proceed to Negotiate for Peace WASHINGTON, March 19.-It is still believed here that an armistice will be the first agreement reached between Li Hung Chang and the Japanese peace plenipotentiaries at the meeting at Simoneseki early this week. As has been previously stated, much will depend on the character of Li Hung Chang's instructions. If plenary powers have been given to him his first consideration will be, it is said, to secure an armistice.

Should the negotiations for peace proceed with reasonable rapidity, the armistice will be continued until some further understanding has been reached. Should the peace negotia-tion fail, it is not doubted that the victorious Japanese troops will proceed at once to Pekin, believing that when that point is reached articles of peace can be signed practically upon Japan's own terms.

#### DID NOT KILL HIMSELF. The Chinese Admiral Ting Smuggled Away

from Wel-Hel-Wel in Safety. Paris, March 19.-The European edition of the Herald is informed by its Shanghai correspondent that, according to the Chinese newspapers, Admiral Ting did not kill himself at Wei-Hai-Wei, but was smuggled away in safety. The three coffins conveyed from Kwangchi to Che-Foo contained

The Chinese troops defeated by the Japanese under Gen. Nodsu are reported from Shanhawkan as retreating rapidly toward Tien-Tsin and Pekin.

Generals Liu, Chang and Tai.

# A MYSTERY NO LONGER.

The Wauwatosa (Wis.) Tragedy-William

Loeber's Confession. MILWAUKEE, March 19 .- The murder mystery of Ferdinand Moritz, a Jew cattle buyer near Wauwatosa, a week ago, has been cleared away by the confession of Wm. Loeber, arrested on suspicion last Saturday. Loeber confessed that the Jew was accidentally shot while handling a revolver. When he saw the man was dead he robbed the body of about \$15. Loeber's wife gave such strong testimony against her husband that he confessed.

# THE WORK OF COWARDS.

The Residence and Outhouses of a Respectable Woman Burned.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., March 19 .-Mrs. Jane Coward, of Claysburg, has repeatedly received whitecap notices that unless she moved bad luck would follow. Sunday her residence and outhouses were burned. No reason is assigned for the crime, the Cowards being known as good citizens. The warnings were written in the same handwriting, and the police say they have a clew, which they intend to follow and arrest the quilty ones

#### WHITNEY'S OPINION

Of the Insult Offered to the American Flag-It is Radical and Very Pronounced and Will Find an Echo in Many Loyal American Hearts—The Action was De-liberate and Inexcusable—The President a Safe Guide.

New York, March 19.-The following cablegram was received by the New York Times yesterday from William C. Whitney, ex-secretary of the navy, in reply to a message sent him by Charles R. Miller, the editor of the Times:

"NAPLES, March 18. To the Editor of the New York Times: "I reply to your dispatch as follows:

"In considering what should be done oncerning the outrage perpetrated by the Spanish man-of-war in firing on the Allianca, one fact should not be lost sight of. It was deliberate and with full knowledge of the act.

"It is certain that no person in command of any war vessel in the world would be ignorant that firing upon a merchant vessel of another power on the high seas in time of peace would violate the law of nations. There is not a subordinate officer of any manof-war in the world who has not been sufficiently instructed to know that. It is therefore a case of wilful insult to the American flag and people.

"I do not recall so wanton an outrage as happening to any first-class power in fifty years. An apology can carcely wipe out such an affront. "The truth is, we have happened to

ome in for a piece of the general brutality and ruffianism that holds Cuba The thing is a relic of the middle ages. It is a disgrace to us that lies at our doorstep. "It makes my blood boil for one.

"Of course they will apologize elaborately and discipline the officer. But when we are looking toward him the general terrorism which holds Cuba down while they suck her blood, will have been substantially increased at our expense.

"You can gather what my opinion is. What the government should do is another matter. "The president in such matters is two given periods:

#### W. C. WHITNEY." CAPT. CROSSMAN CONFIRMED

as you ask my opinion, there it is.

"[Signed.]

By the Report of the Commander of the Spanish Cruiser Which Fired Upon Him. HAVANA, March 19. - The commander of the Spanish cruiser Conde de Venadito reports that on March 8, while cruising off the eastern coast of the island, he sighted a steamer heading the steamer replied by raising proceeded at full speed the cruiser first fired two blank shots, and then two solid shots. The commander says he did not desire to hit the steamer, but merely to cause her to heave to. one and a half miles off the Cuban coast when the firing occurred. The authorities here have ordered that a

mander's acts. Judging from Capt. Crossman's story question was the Allianca which was which has developed such extraordi- fired on by a Spanish cruiser on

full inquiry be made into the com-

Nothing has been heard here to confirm the rumor that the gunboat Alsedo has sunk an American schooner. The rumor is regarded as utterly unfounded in fact.

# AN EMPHATIC DENIAL.

apt. Crossman Gets Mad and Talks Back at the Spanlards.

New York, March 19.-When a United Press reporter called upon Capt. Crossman of the steamer Allianca and showed him the dispatch from Tampa, Fla., telling how passengers on the steamer Olivette, from Havana, had heard that there was a semi-official report current there that a steam launch had been seen leaving the Allianca by a Spanish war vessel, the captain said emphatically:

"It is an infernal lie. I have no Neither did I see a steam launch on my trip from Colon. If the Spanish people have seen a steam launch, as reported, they certainly would have seen the gunboat that fired on us, and to know what Spanish war vessel fired on us. In my opinion, they certainly do know what vessel was stationed on the east coast of the island of Cuba, and, of course, that is the vessel that

#### launch from the shore of Cuba. THE PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY. Beaten One Day by the Patron Saint of

Ould Ireland. WASHINGTON, March 19.-Presiden leveland was 58 years old yesterday. The president spent the morning reeiving congressmen and other callers. He looked exceedingly well. Very few of those who called on Mr. Cleveland knew that it was his birthday. One of those who did know made the president laugh when he said that St. Patrick had beaten Mr. Cleveland by one day.

#### THE IMPERIAL EXCHEQUER. Is Not Advancing Money to Pay Uncl

Sam's Obligations. OTTAWA, Ont., March 19.-It is evident that the Canadian government has little hope that the imperial offi-States government has agreed to pay

as damages to sealers.

Mr. Costigan, secretary of state, re-British Columbia representatives in the house of commons, has wired: "I much is not debatable ground. No democrat, however optimistic, will preanswer.

#### Complete Triumph of Gen. Reyes Over Inter Ocean. the Colombian Insurgents. PANANA, March 19 .- There was publie rejoicing here Sunday night over

the following dispatch which appeared in the Star and Herald: BOGOTA, March 17.
The revolution has ended in the complete triumph of Gen. Reyes over the invaders near Malaga, and the whole army of rebels has sur-

endered to Gen. Martens at Capitanejo. The Lord be praised. This dispatch from President Caro, the Star and Herald says, is confirmed by other telegrams of similar tenor

from the provisional governors.

## SELLS MORE, BUYS LESS.

An Increase of Ninety Per Cent. in the Value of British Exports.

The First Effects of Our New Free Trade Tariff-It Enables England to Get Rid of Her Products While Buying Less of Ours.

A very lengthy review of the import and export trade between the United Kingdom and the United States, since the Gorman tariff went into effect, has been made by the Commercial Advertiser, of New York. The figures are compiled from the returns of the British board of trade and show, in the first place, the quantities of leading staples that were exported from the United Kingdom to this country between September 1 and December 31, 1863 and 1894, to have been as follows: EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, SEPTEMBER 1

Ų	TO DECEMBER 31.		
	15:2.	1594.	
e di	Quantity.	Quantity	
혦	Beer and ale, barrels 13.327	14.20	
2	Spirits, barrels	107,34	
53	Wool, pounds	3,596 49	
	Cotton goods, yards	17.4:3.70	
- 1	Jute goods, vards 23,036,000	38,176,70	
	Linen goods, yards, 16,565,300	34,070.00	
	Silk goods, vards 86.42	119.07	
- 7	Woolen goods, yards 330,200	683.40	
- 1	Worsted goods, yards 3,919,500	8,363,30	
70	Carpets. yards 89.600	36.20	
	Iron and steel, tons 69.856	108.20	
10	Lead. etc., tons 56	1.54	
- 1	Tin, hundredweights 274	1.43	
_	Alkali, hundredweights 880,844	1.431.40	
C)	Bags, sacks, dozens 19.014	52.25	
. ,	Paper, hundredweights 3.406	4.99	
	Wool, foreign and colonial.		
		25 545 19	

There were very much larger quantities of these British goods shipped to this country in the four months after our new tariff took effect than a year previously, with the single exception of carpets. In cottons, jute, linen, silk and worsted goods, alkali, bags and raw wool, the increases were very great and must seriously diminish the output of our American factories, curtail the employment of labor and diminish its value. This can best be seen from the next table, which gives the values of the British exports in the

generally a safe person to follow; but EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES. SEPTEMBER

1	I TO DECEMBER 31.			
ij		1893.	1594.	
ì		Values.	Values.	
Ŋ	3cer and ale	\$200,460	8326,425	
	Spirits	132,350	190.803	
	Wool	67.315	531.345	
H	Cottons, unbleached	53 215	54.370	
g	Cottons, blenched	310,770	475.00	
ì	Cottons, pc. goods, printed	187,680	154.043	
ļ	Cottons, pc. goods, dyed	948.515	1,397,417	
j	Jute yarn	27,495	220, 12 6	
3	Jute manufactures	1.312.250	1,574,133	
į	Linen yarn	19,890	25,286	
١	Linen manufactures	1.861.450	3.342.203	
3	Silk twist and varus	70.035	296,210	
	Silk manufactures	5 49.755	58 143	
Ì	Silk and other material	83.4 0	199,790	
ij	Woolen and worsted yarn.	36.765	19.60	
j	Woolen tissues	206,985	461.862	
ı	Worsted tissues	1.030.735	2,828,017	
1	Carpets,	76.935	52.90	
d	Hardware and cutlery	213,415	417.75	
j	Iron, pig	34,595	155,300	
J	Iron, bar, angle, rod	19,135	26,16	
j	Iron, railroad	1.0	3.77	
i	Iron plates and sheets	3,715,115	5.5es 910	
Ú	Iron, cast and wrought	110,190	96,565	
Ý	Iron. old	4 494)	9.74	
4	Steel, unwrought	305,275	633.81	
1	Lead, pig. sheet, pipe, etc.	2,765	77.500	
1	Tin. unwrought	5,565	25,520	
Į	Agricultural steam engines	130	2.00	
ģ	Agricultural machinery	550	2.20	
j	Mining machinery	2.025	299	
Į	Textile machinery	45(2,1/4)	554.23	
j	Apparel and sleps	153,340		
g	Alkall	1,191,545	1,537,73	
í	Bags and sacks	:0.575	22.38	
	China, pot'ry, earth'nware	964.200	1.66+,190	
	Paper	42,850	59,29	
j	Wool, foreign and colonial	1.207.375	5,536,713	
H	and the second second	Constant of the last		

\$15.205.065 \$28.590.50 The average increase in the value of nobody can doubt that the steamer in the exports above enumerated was 90 per cent., but when we study the enornous increased quantities of goods that were exported, it will be seen that prices have been marked down as low as possible, in some cases to the cost of production or even lower, perhaps, by the undervaluation of invoices. Of course, ail this was expected. But we were promised a much larger foreign market for our own products and manufactures as soon as the markets of the world were opened to us under the new tariff, yet we find that the United Kingdom bought from us, in the case of seventeen articles only, to the extent of \$14,288,485 less during the four months of the Gorman tariff than in the corresponding months of 1893, as

BOUGHT FROM UNITED STATES.

The result of the new free trade tariff is thus plainly shown. It enables the steam launch, and never had one. United Kingdom to sell us more of her goods while she purchases less of ours.

Waiting for the Tide to Turn. Like a frost in a greenhouse, the free trade party blights everything would, of course, have known what it touches. The admission of wool to gunboat it is. But they pretend not our ports free of duty by the Cleveland-Gorman-Wilson hybrid is likely to prove the death of the sheep industry. It would already have done so, were it not for a hope that the nation will change its economic policy in 1896. chased us. It is a contemptible lie for The sheep men are treading water, so the Spanish officials to say that we to speak, with only their noses out, lowered a steam launch or received a and a little wave dashed over their steam launch or any other kind of a heads would sink them. Many have already succumbed to the flood, and all would go were it not for the straws thrown to them by the bankers. Everybody says: "If I can only tide it over until another election I may then get on my feet again." So they plunge still further into debt, with hopeful hearts. It was a very pretty whistle the pro fessor tooted up and down the halls of congress, and it gave forth an alluring sound, but the shivering sheep herder has concluded that we have paid too dear for it. A free trade sheep owner cannot now be found with the greatest search light ever invented They have all turned protectionists.

#### CHAS. CARTWRIGHT. Dupuyer, Montana.

A Relief That Will Cure. There are two things needed in this country; one for the relief of the government itself, and the other for the relief of the people themselves. These cials will accede to the request to ad- two things are a tariff for revenue and vance the \$425,000 which the United a tariff for protection. The tariff of 1890 met both demands, and that most admirably. The new tariff makes no attempt at protection, and from a plying to a communication from two strictly revenue point of view is a conspicuous and lamentable failure. This democrat, however optimistic, will pre-tend that the present tariff meets the revenue needs of the government.—The

#### The Siamese Sugar Twins. Referring to some remarks made by

Senator Aldrich on the necessity for borrowing money, and the method of doing it, under our free trade administration, the New York Times said: "He overlooked the fact, however, that it was not practical for the government to ask the sugar trust for what

t needed." Why not? The sugar trust asked the free trade government for what it needed, and got it. Surely the trust would not refuse to help its friends out of the hole they tumbled into

# WAS GOULD INSANE?

Financial Worry and Physical Exertion Not the Greatest Destroyer of Human Life.

For Humanity's Sake, After Thirty-six Years of Nerve-Creeping Slavery, He Telis How He Was Set Free.

Caldwell, N. J., March 19, 1895 .- (Special. Since one of our prominent citizens suffered so terribly from tobacco tremens, has made known his frightful experience in behalf of humanity, the ladies here are making tobacco-using husbands' lives miserable with their entreaties to at once quit tobacco.

The written statement of S. J. Gould is attracting wide-spread attention. When in-terviewed to-night he said: "I commenced using tobacco at thirteen; I am now fortyattracting wide-spread attention. When interviewed to night he said: "I commenced using tobacco at thirteen; I am now fortynine; so, for thirty-six years I chewed, smoked, snuffed and rubbed snuff. In the morning I chewed before I put my pants on, and for a long time I used two ounces of chewing and eight ounces of smoking a day. Sometimes I had achew in both cheeks and a pipe in my mouth at once. Ten years ago I quit drinking whisky. I tried to stop tobacco time and again, but could not. My nerves craved nicotine and I fed them, till my skin turned a tobacco-brown, cold, sticky perspiration oozed from my skin, and trickled down my back at the least exertion or excitement. My nerve vigor and my life was being slowly sapped. I made up my mind that I had to quit tobacco or die. On October I I stopped, and for three days I suffered the tortures of the damned. On the third day I got so bad that my partner accused me of being drunk. I said, 'No, I have quit tobacco.' 'For God'ssake, man,' he said, offering me his tobacco box, 'take a chew; you will go wild,' and I was wild. Tobacco was forced into me and I was taken home dazed. I saw double and my memory was beyond control, but I still knew how to chew and smoke, which I did all day until towards night, when my system got tobacco-scaked again. The next morning I looked and felt as though I had been through a long spell of sickness. I gave up in despair, as I thought that I could not cure myself. Now, for suffering humanity, I'll tell what saved my life. Providence evidently answered my good wife's prayers and brought to her attention in our paper an article which read: 'Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away!'

"What a sermon and warning in these words! Just what I was doing. It told about a guaranteed cure for the tobacco habt, called No-To-Bac. I sent to Druggist Hasler for a box. Without a grain of faith I spit out my tobacco cud, and put into my mouth a little tablet upon which was stamped No-To-Bac. I know it sounds like a lie when I tell you that I took e

tablets the first day, seven the next, five the third day, and all the nerve-creeping feel-ing, restlessness and mental depression was ing, restlessness and mental depression was gone. It was too good to be true. It seemed like a dream. That was a month ago. I used one box. It cost me \$1, and it is worth a thousand I gained ten pounds in weight and lost all desire for tobacco from the first day. I sleep and eat well and I have been benefited in more ways than I can tell. No, the cure was no exception in my case. benefited in more ways than I can tell. No, the cure was no exception in my case. I know of ten people right here in Caldwell who have bought No-To-Bac from Hasler, and they have been cured. Now that I realize what No-To-Bac has done for me and others, I know why it is that the makers of this wonderful remedy, the Sterling Remedy Company, of New York and Chicago, say: We don't claim to cure every case. That's Fraud's talk, a lie; but we do guarantee three boxes to cure the tobacco habit, and in case of failure we are perfectly willand in case of failure we are perfectly will-ing to refund money.' I would not give a public indorsement if I were not certain of its reliability. I know it is backed by men worth a million. No-To-Bac has been a God-send to me, and I firmly believe it will cure any case of tobacco using if faithfully tried, and there are thousands of tobacco slaves who ought to know how easy it is to get free. There's happiness in No-To-Bac for the prematurely old men, who think as I did that they are old and worn out, when tobacco is the thing that destroys their vi-

tailty and manhood."

The public should be warned, however, against the purchase of any of the many imitations on the market, as the success of No To Bae has brought forth a host of counterfeiters and imitators. The genuine No-To-Bac is sold under a guarantee to cure, by all druggists, and every tablet has the word No-To Bae plainly stamped there-

# risk in purchasing the genuine article.

Where "Ills Whiskers" Was. College Student (hearing his alassmate, who rooms next door, coming down the dormitory hall)-Hullo, Ned! That old fossil with a long gray beard who has been chasing around after you all day long was here again half an hour ago. I told His Voluptuous Whiskers that you would be in, probably, in about an hour.

Ned (unlocking his door)-Yes: I met him in the anad. He's here with me now.-Somerville Journal.

Why Etta Was Glad. "Tommy," said Miss Etta's caller, "will Miss Etta soon be down?" "Oh, yes," replied Tommy. "She said

she was g'ad you had come." "Indeed," said the gratified caller. "That is very pleasant." "Yes,", pursued Tommy. "She said

as long as you called to-night you wouldn't come interrupting her and Mr. White to-morrow night, the way you did the last time."-Omaha Bee.

#### Why He Laughed. Contributor-Good joke, isn't it? I thought you would be sure to print

Editor-No; I'm sorry, but I can't use it. Contributor-Why, you laughed out

loud yourself when you read it through just now. Editor-Yes; I was thinking how

funny it was that anyone should see anything funny in such a thing as that. -Somerville Journal.

# Neighbob - Before giving you my

that one, anyway.

daughter I ought to know something Jack Ash-If a certain scheme I have in mind turns out well I shall be a rich

Neighbob-When do you expect this scheme to eventuate? Jack Ash - Well, my idea is for

short engagement.-N. Y. World. Tale of an Extravagant Girl. A penny for your thoughts!" she cried To the dudeling by her side.

Then she stopped to reconsider And her calm reflection bade her Not to cling To a bargain quite so rash, So she spoke up like a flush: Hold: That's what bad habits bring-

In my extravagant way I always do pay
About two prices for a thing." -Chicago Record.

Speculative Chiromaney. Gypsy (telling an elderly coquette's fortune from the lines of her hand)-I am sorry to tell the young lady that

she will pass through a serious illness in her twentieth year. Lady - Good gracious! (Sighs and gives the gypsy a dollar.)-Fliegende

#### Papa Liked the Sport. She-And did papa seem angry when con asked him?

He-Why, no. When he led me from the room by the ear and kicked me downstairs he laughed all the time. I never saw a man in such seeming good humor.-Indianapolis Journal

A Good Reason. Papa-But why would you like to be an astronomer when you grow up,

Tommy? Tommy-Because then I would only stars are out to study Harper's Young views

## AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

PROTEST FROM MAINE.

Mr. Lonnell Ridicules the Way They "Break Roads" in Vankeelan Some winter morning the highway surveyor of district No. 4 wakes up to find all familiar land-marks out of sight beneath a thick covering of snow which, it is more than likely, has drifted in huge heaps across the highway wherever a fence, stone wall or clump of bushes has prevented the wind's unimpeded march. The highway surveyor, mindful of the important part he plays in maintaining the social fabric, wades out to the barn to feed his cattle-"cattle" being a New-Englandism for after getting his own breakfast.

a pair of oxen-which he yokes up His method of breaking a road is very simple. Under the front of an old-fashioned wood sled, with long runners, he chains a stick of wood six or eight inches in diameter, slips into the sockets a sled stake or two, to hold on by, mounts the sled and invites Buck and Bright to get up steam. Now Buck and Bright deserve no small credit in this matter, for beside generating the motive power for the sled they serve also as snow plows, plunging into drifts and breaking down the snow to an extent that makes it comparatively easy for the sled to main tain an even keel, so to speak, even when the drifts are very irregular in construction.

A little way down the road the highvay surveyor will perhaps add a neighbor to his outfit, providing that the



"BREAKING" A ROAD IN MAINE.

neighbor's taxes have not yet been wholly "worked out." If the drifts have been packed hard by the wind, it may be necessary to break up the snow a little before Buck and Bright can get through, but the cattle are quite sure to have the most of the work to their credit when the road has been gone

All this may seem a rather primitive and crude method of procedure, considering the great importance of wellkept highways, be the time of the year summer or winter; but from careful consideration of the matter. I am not sure that a better method for making winter roads could be found. The flatironshaped snow plow pushes the snow out of the road and piles it up at the sides, making the road simply a trench to be filled with drifting snow whenever the wind blows, which it does frequently and energetically. The sled with the stick under its forward part breaks through the snow and pushes it down, making a firmer footing for horses than could be gained in many other ways. Here and there other methods prevail, but a large portion of our country roads are still made passa ble in winter with the sled and oxen that our grandfathers and great-grandfathers used. One of the "other methods" prevails in the road that runs pas my own place. After every considerable fall of snow there appears a fourhorse team drawing the most enormous roller that. I think, was ever built. It is made of plank and must be something like nine feet in diameter, with a heavy oak frame about it. The roller is long enough to make a road in which two teams can travel abreast, and where the snow is light, it packs down very well indeed; but in hard snow, enormous though its weight is,

it makes but little impression because of its great extent of bearing surface The story is familiar which tells how generation after generation of men went to mill on horseback with a bag thrown across the horse in front of the rider, the "grist" in one end and a stone in the other to balance it. When asked why they did not throw the stone away and put half the grain in one end of the bag and half in the other to balance it the men of each succeeding generation would declare that their fathers used a rock, and that what was good enough for their fathers was good enough for them!

I am reminded of this story by the way our towns go on year after year paying out thousands of dollars for the annual clearing of drifted winter roads, instead of removing once for all the causes of drifted roads-something that is possible to a very large extent. The cause of the formation of drifts is usually a roadside stone wall, a board fence, a clump of bushes, or some other obstruction to the free play of the wind, that could easily be removed. Many "crossroads" in my own state are every winter rendered nearly impassable for several months simply because of the obstructing nature of the fences, walls and bushes at the sides of these roads. Let the bushes be cut and light wooden or wire fences substi tuted for those that now cause drifts, and there would be far less need of "breaking" roads constantly from the first of December to the last of March. as is the case of many localities at present.-Webb Donnell, in Country Gen tleman.

### HORTICULTURAL NOTES. GREAT extremes of cold and heat are

injurious to apple trees. THE northwest, a writer remarks, must have apple trees of a rugged na-

THE begonia likes the shade, a hint that those with shaded vards can profit In the south they heroically prun

their peach trees in winter, leaving only

the strong, healthy branches. It is recommended, when cucumbers are grown on a small scale, to let the vines run over small trees or bushes. A great increase of fruit results -- Farmer's Voice.

An exchange thinks hedges should be more common, as they are cheaper than other kinds of fence. The hedge is not growing in popularity. The average farmer votes them a nuisance. Why Good Roads Are Needed.

The wheelmen have taken the lead in demanding good country roads, and the construction of proper roads will remove one of the chief objections to country residence. Well-graded, smooth roads, properly drained and well cared for, are a public interest that demands universal attention. They are a prin. have to go to night school when the factor of civilization.-Review of ReHighest of all in Leavening Power.-Latest U.S. Gov't Report

# ABSOLUTELY PURE

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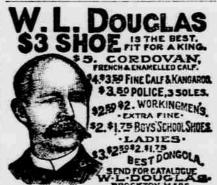


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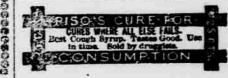
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